

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1863.*

No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 30th June 1863, No. 1,717 :—

Communicating to the Superintending Engineer 7th Division
a Despatch from the Home Government, relative to the
improvement of the roads in the Wynai Taluk, in Malabar,
in view to his being guided by the views of the Secretary of
State in any recommendation hereafter to be made in
connection with those roads. } (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 30th June
1863, Nos. 675, 676.)

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1863, No. 1,223.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information and communication to the Collector of Malabar.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th May 1863, No. 8 :—

SIR,

1. I have had before me in Council your Excellency's Despatches, of the dates and numbers noted in the margin, relative to the improvement of the roads in the Wynaad Talook of the District of Malabar.

Public Works, No. 100, dated 31st October 1862.
" " 106, " 8th December "
Revenue " 85, " 27th November "
Public Works, " 11, " 20th February 1863.

2. I addressed you on this subject in my Despatch of 27th December last, wherein, referring to a memorial from the Planters' Association of Western India, I drew your attention to the want of metalled roads through the Ghauts, and also above and below them, and recommended that in your consideration of the questions raised by the Memorialists, advertence should be had rather to the future prospects than to the present condition of Wynaad.

3. From the Resolution recorded by your Government on 26th November last, I have now the satisfaction of learning that my views, as expressed in the Despatch above alluded to, have to a considerable extent, been anticipated by your Excellency. It is especially through the Tambracherry and Carcoor Ghauts that better means of transport are required, and it has been wisely determined to concentrate exertions on those two Ghauts for the purpose of opening them as cart roads at the earliest possible period, operations on the less important Periah and Cootiady Ghauts being restricted for the present to what may be necessary to make them easily passable for laden bullocks.

4. It is proposed, however, that the construction of roads on the plateau of Wynaad shall proceed simultaneously with the opening of the Ghauts. Nine main lines, estimated to cost between two and three lacs of Rupees, are there to be undertaken by Government, but the District Engineer has been most properly cautioned against taking up too many of the lines at once, and enjoined to concentrate all his available force on one or two of them, giving a preference to those which lead from the passes to Mysore, the province whence Wynaad derives its chief supplies, both of labour and provisions. For these roads on the plateau, it is intended to appropriate from the Budget funds Rupees 60,000 a year, which is said to be as much as can be efficiently laid out upon them, and by means of which all the roads may be expected to be finished in five or six years at the latest.

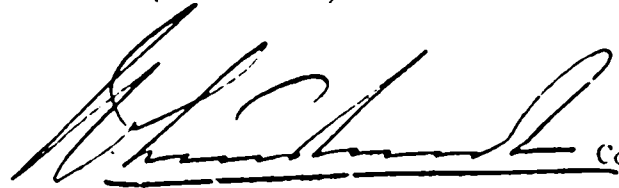
5. You estimate that, according to the present plan, the total cost of Ghaut and Plateau roads will eventually amount to six lacs of Rupees, the expenditure of which sum must, as you observe, be admitted to be as much as can reasonably be claimed for Wynaad, when the scarcely less urgent wants of other parts of the Presidency are taken into account. It is true that, when the Talook shall have been fully provided with main roads, many cross lines will still be required, but for these the necessary funds can easily be, as it is on every account preferable that they should be, obtained from local sources. You have announced your intention to levy tolls on the different Ghauts as soon as they shall be open for traffic, and you also propose, by means of a legal enactment, to empower the landholders of any locality to raise money for roadmaking by a cess on land, or by tolls, or such other impost as they may select. There need be no apprehension that the planters will refuse to avail themselves of the power of self-taxation proposed to be committed to them, for the promotion of an object of so much importance to each of them individually, and it may confidently be expected, therefore, that all difficulty with respect to transport will, in a few years, be completely removed.

6. In order to aid in the accomplishment of this end, all that can be desired of your Government is, that it should persevere in the course that has now been entered upon, and your present programme be thoroughly worked out.

ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1863, No. 1,717.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 7th Division, who will be guided by the views of the Secretary of State in any recommendation which may hereafter be made in connection with the Wynad roads.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

St. Louis, Mo. 1852
 27th Aug 1852

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 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

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For the Board of Revenue
 St. Louis, Mo.
 10th Aug 1852
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